

## **From Adult bookstore to children's neighborhood book**

### ***Garfield Libro de Celebracion!***

This book includes the hopes and dreams of Garfield's youth leadership, and interviews with community leaders.

- Event:** Youth Book presentation ceremony to County Attorney Rick Romley.
- What:** The "Neighborhood Restoration" award from the criminal settlement of five Book Cellars Adult Bookstores provided funds to make this book of pride. Punch, Cake and Ice Cream will be served.
- When:** Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm
- Where:** Alwun House and Garden staging area; 1204 E Roosevelt, Phoenix
- Who:** The public is invited to join the celebration completing Garfield's Youth 6 month project of creating a book. Alwun House Foundation's **Garfield Youth & Leadership Group** presents to Their parents, Garfield neighborhood residents and other community partners of their bound book.
- Why:** This innovative use of a defendant's criminal proceeds benefited our innovative youth-at-risk arts project. Youth, their parents, and community activists, join in thanking County Attorney Romley. This is one of 15 awards, enhancing the very neighborhood harmed by "Book Cellars" criminal activity.
- Partners:** The Neighborhood Garfield Organization, City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department, U.S. Dept. Of Justice "Weed And Seed," Verde Park Teen Council, and Garfield Elementary School.

### **Visual Highlights:**

- Child author presenting books to Mr. Romley and honored guest
- Boarded up "Book Cellar" at 1421 E McDowell, contrasted with Alwun's lush garden patio, social gathering place and historic 1912 home
- Special Guests: councilman Phil Gordon, Assist U.S. Attorney Dan Drake.

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**A Neighborhood Jingle** by Vanessa Guzman, age 16

*Come on down  
To Garfield Town  
You will enjoy everything you see around  
So if you come on down  
To Garfield Town  
You will love seeing the beautiful trees  
Garfield Neighborhood planted around  
When you're in town  
Don't forget  
To visit  
Garfield Alwun House  
The art lives in Garfield Neighborhood  
So come on down to Garfield town*

Also attending June 26<sup>th</sup> Book Presentation is a Very Special Introduction of Garfield Youth & Leadership Group's new Youth Arts Coordinator:

**Laura Donnelly**

She received her MFA in Theatre Arts and Dance, and has worked extensively with youth arts programs, and community based art projects in administrative and production management capacity. She has served as Program Coordinator for cultural coalitions from N.Y., N.Y., to Great Bend, Kansas. She also is a consultant to the Pauline Oliveros Foundation's *Lunar Opera*, to be held at the Lincoln Center for the Arts. Donnelly has served as Production Manager and Director for several concerts and performance companies.